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In re: Application of:

DAVID W. SMITH

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PATTERN MATCHING ON SINGLE AND  
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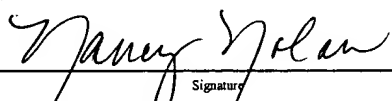
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